

April 25, 2011 email from Kurt Wilson, City Manager

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To: Kouyoumdjian, Raffy

Subject: following up

Good morning, Raffy, I hope all is well. I apologize for the delay in getting back to you. I've been buried in budget and union issues and haven't had much time to devote to anything else. I was looking to touch base with you just to check in on our progress and keep you up to date on everything. This week will likely mark a milestone for the local end of the trash saga as we anticipate a final ruling clarifying some key issues currently being litigated. Once that happens it will likely pave the way for more rapid progress in the areas related to the LAP as well. The county drop off center issue has been stalled for several months, as you know, but we made progress last week and believe that things are back on track. The city expects to receive a document for review as early as this week and we will then expedite the various levels of approval required to formalize the agreement. As soon as that has been completed we will immediately begin the capital improvements on the site in preparation for a formal launch.

The specifics of the arbitration ruling will determine the actual direction we will be heading but, in one scenario, the hauler would take a more active role in the education and programmatic aspects of recycling in Ridgecrest. This added expertise will help us to maintain and increase the appropriate levels of diversion even after the LAP conditions have been satisfied.

I'm tentatively in Sacramento all week and can meet by phone or in person at your convenience pending jury duty selection.

Thanks,

Kurt

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